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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Surveyor's access to structure
Reference	CONARINA Instructions

Access to Structures

For surveys, means are to be provided to enable the Surveyor to examine the hull structure in a safe and practical way. It is to be confirmed as far as practicable that means of access to all spaces are in good condition when examining internal spaces.

For surveys in cargo holds and ballast tanks, one or more of the following means for access, acceptable to the Surveyor, is to be provided:

- Permanent staging and passages through structures.
- Temporary staging and passages through structures.
- Lifts and moveable platforms. Single person hoists/lifts are not acceptable means for access.
- Boats or rafts.
- Other equivalent means.

Protection of Other Openings

Watertight bulkheads, collision bulkheads, bulkhead penetrations, end bulkheads of enclosed superstructures and the operation of any doors in same.

In addition, for vessels fitted with self-unloading system, watertight conveyor belt doors are to be examined and operationally tested as far as practicable.

Weathertight doors and closing appliances for all the above including stiffening, dogs, hinges and gaskets. Proper operation of weathertight doors and closing appliances to be confirmed.

Means provided to minimize water ingress through the spurling pipes and chain lockers.

Freeing Ports and Drainage

Freeing ports, together with bars, shutters, and hinges.

Confirmation of satisfactory drainage from enclosed cargo spaces situated on the freeboard deck.

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REFERENCES:

- CONARINA Instruction to Surveyor

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